

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bostic called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Allen Shelton, Darrin McGowan, Mike Buckley, and Bill Goins answering roll call. Council Member, Cindy Humphrey was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Ron Wilson, Mike Selke, WIFE Radio, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the January 19, 2010 meeting were presented for approval. Goins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

Mayor Bostic reported:

- He visited Saint Mary's School to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. He presented them with a proclamation.
- The stop light at 7th and Main has been removed.
- There will be a meeting regarding the 16th Street Project on Tuesday at 16th & Sexton at 10:00 a.m.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

Copley informed Council that the Board of Works agreed to implement a clothing allowance for the Street, Sanitation, and Park Department. This is so the City will be in compliance with the IRS. She said at the next Council meeting they will be asked to determine an amount for each department for their clothing allowance, and they will be taxed on this allowance. The Street and Sanitation Departments are requesting \$250.00. The Park Department is requesting \$500.00. The Police and Fire Department currently receive \$550.00 per year per employee.

Copley then asked each department to present their money saving ideas for this year's budget. They were as follows:

Police – Turn lights off, signs have been posted to turn lights off when leaving a room. The new heating system that was installed will save money. Told the policemen to turn off the cars when possible and not leave them running.

Street – Turned the heat down, turned lights out. Did some re-wiring so more lights could be shut off. Told men not to leave their trucks running. Trying to get more people to recycle to save on trash bill.

Park – Save on clothing by implementing a clothing allowance. Have employees ride together when possible instead of taking out 2 vehicles. Turn heat down from 65 to 55. Has shut off the water and heat at the old park office. Turn off unnecessary lights.

Animal – When animals are put down he takes them to the landfill instead of having them picked up. Turn out lights, sealed windows. Cancelled Cintas First Aid & Safety Supply. Only use trucks for shelter business. Turned thermostat down. Has a shelter cat so does not have to purchase mouse traps.

Fire – Turn lights off. Will continue to replace fire gear on a 5 year rotation. With new truck should use less in garage & motor parts. Cut back on some medical runs, which will save on fuel. Will not spend equipment & gear line unless really necessary. Will not replace SBCA this year. However, would like to replace George Coons after his retirement in March. Even with replacing this man, it will save approximately \$6,600.00 since there will not be the amount of longevity and they will be receiving probation pay.

Copley thanked the Departments for their efforts.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * * *

Goins said the Main Street meetings are continuing and things are going well.

They are moving along with the work at the softball diamond. They will be working Saturday at 9:00 a.m. if anyone would like to volunteer. Goins said they were very grateful for the donation of the old siding from the Park Restaurant.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Street – Miller said they will begin cutting down the trees on Spencer Street weather permitting.

Park – Mathews invited Council to the Valentine Dance this Friday at the Benjamin Rush Middle School from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Fire – Jenkins congratulated George Coons on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for his many years of service to the community. Coons said he

Began as a volunteer in 1975 and went full time August 12, 1980. Coons expressed his gratitude and said that he will continue to service his community.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

None.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

Medical Insurance Renewal – Mandrell stated that this year the initial renewal was up 18 ½%. He was able to get it down slightly from that amount. Mandrell said when he went back and looked at the claims he thought an H.S.A. account would be a good way for the City to proceed. This would be a second option. He suggested offering the Buy-up plan and also an H.S.A. plan. He said with the H.S.A., that after the deductible of \$3,000.00 (single) has been paid then everything is paid 100%. He said that preventive is paid at 100% with no co-pay. Mandrell suggested that the City contribute \$1,000.00 to the H.S.A. plan for a single employee and \$2,500.00 for a family. That would leave the employee responsible for \$2,000.00, or \$3,500.00 for a family. Whatever money is not used in this account at the end of the year will be carried forward to the following year.

There were very minimal modifications made to the Buy-up plan.

Mandrell will be offering meetings with all employees this Thursday and Friday at City Hall to explain the plans and answer any questions.

McGowan asked if a debit card would be used for the H.S.A. account. Mandrell said yes, and that they would work with local banks. This would be very flexible.

Goins made a motion to approve the implementation of the 2 plans with the contribution from the City for the H.S.A. plan to be paid in quarterly installments. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copley encouraged the Department Heads to make sure all of their employees have signed up to participate in the meetings on Thursday and Friday.

Claims – Shelton made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Buckley seconded the motion, abstaining from the claims pertaining to his pay. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Buckley made a motion to adjourn. Shelton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

ALLEN W. SHELTON, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MEMBER

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER